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NEWS NOTES

David Dahl was host Saturday to a group of the younger set at his home. After lunch the young people attended the dance.

Mrs. Lottie Graham, Lyla Stevenson and Mabel Hestinger supervisors in the L.D.S. Girls Program

of the 3rd ward motored a group of young people to the Temple Tuesday. At the same time a group of 3rd ward Deacons attended the Temple.

Mr. Dawson of the local Treasury Branch has been transferred to Medicine Hat.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Lund of Milk River were visitors here this week.

THE ANDERSON BROTHERS

Pioneer Masons and Bricklayers

John Forbes Anderson came to Raymond May 17, 1902. The following month, June 8th, according to an old record, "John F. Anderson, his wife Mary, his son John and Louis D. King and wife Elizabeth were made members of the Raymond ward."

At this time the ward was but seven months old and new members were being added each Sunday.

J. F. Anderson was a stone mason and bricklayer and was kept busy laying foundations for homes which were rapidly going up all over the new town. He laid the foundation for the Ellison Mill and was overseer of all mason work done on the sugar factory.

He and his family were the first to live in a brick house in Raymond. This brick house still stands and is at present occupied by the Milton Litchfield family.

John Anderson Jr. lived there for some time after his father moved to Cardston about 1914. Lamond Carter occupied this house a short time. The Taylor Stake was created Aug. 30, 1903 and on September 1st, a special conference was held in the Town hall where the Taylor Stake organization was completed.

The dividing line between the Alberta and Taylor Stake was agreed upon with the west limit of the Taylor Stake being established on a running line north and south midway between Spring Coulee and Magrath. Later land was granted north of Spring Coulee and east of St. Mary's river to the Taylor Stake.

Mr. Anderson was chosen bishop of the new Stake and chose as his counselors J.W. Evans and A.E. Fawns. High Councilmen were also chosen. Bishop Anderson took



charge of his first meeting, September 6, 1903. The following October George T. Wride became ward clerk.

The new bishop immediately began to make plans for the erection of a larger meeting house. People donated liberally. It was a hard pull and finally the ward officers met and decided on a carnival which brought in \$450.00 toward the chapel which when finished ranked as one of the best in southern Alberta.

Seating capacity, 1000 people.

In 1904 A. E. Fawns was called to Stirling as bishop and H. C. Jacobs succeeded him as second counselor.

In 1909 Arthur Dahl was sustained as counselor, succeeding H. C. Jacobs. In 1912 the Raymond ward was divided and John F. Anderson was made bishop of the first ward with J. G. Alfred and William Reid as counselors. J.W. Evans was made bishop of the 2nd ward and L. D. King and J. H. Walker were his counselors. In 1914 Bishop Anderson moved to Card

ston and James E. Ellison was sustained bishop with J.G. Alfred and William Reid counselors. For many years John F. Anderson has worked in the Cardston Temple. He is 86 yrs old and is still active. His wife passed away several years ago.

While in Raymond "Aunt Mary" was very active in church capacities especially Relief Society. On October 5th she was sustained counselor to Lorena Rodeback.

Mr. Anderson recently remarked: "It was in the meeting when Apostle Taylor prophesied the time would come when we would breakfast in Raymond and supper in Salt Lake." At that time the mode of travel was horse and buggy.

JAMES S. ANDERSON

James S. Anderson came to Raymond in February 1903. His wife Zilpha C. and children came in July. James S. Anderson, like his brother John was a stone mason and brick layer. When he was but 12 years of age he went to work at his father's side in an Aberdeen stone quarry where he learned the art of stone cutting.

He laid many foundations for homes in the early days of Raymond. He, with C. B. Strong, George Court his brother John and others began work on the new factory and stayed on the job until the factory was finished.

When H. S. Allen's brick home was built James S. did all the stone work and many years later Mr. Anderson was visiting at the Allen home when Mr. Allen turned to him and said: "Brother Anderson do you remember when you cut these stones over the doors and windows? Well that was a long time ago and as you can see there is not a single crack anywhere. It is as perfect today as it was then, I call that expert workmanship."

When the second ward chapel was built Mr. Anderson helped to the tune of hundreds of dollars in labor and money.

When the Stake House was built he worked on that. He also worked on the Picture Butte Sugar Factory with George Fairbanks, C.B. Strong and son Milton. When the Cardston Temple was under construction he cut stone for it all one summer.

During all those years as a mason he also worked on his farm but busy as he was he always had time for his many responsibilities in his church. For 59 years he taught a class in Sunday school. Upon resigning a party was given in

his honor for his long service. For twelve years he was president of the Taylor Stake Home Missionary work.

In 1919 James S. Anderson and wife sent Verna and Amon on a mission the same day. They labored in the western States mission. Mr. Anderson filled a two year mission to his native Scotland. He received his call May 27, 1891. It is very interesting to relate that Mr. Anderson has written the Book of Mormon in verse form which contains approximately 5,000 verses and is in the same sequence as the original prose.

William, the only living child resides in Raymond and has always been very active in civic and church affairs. At one time he was superintendent of the 2nd ward M.I.A. a member of the Stake Board M.I.A. and at present is Stake Clerk.

James S. Anderson is nearly 80 years old and is active and in good health.

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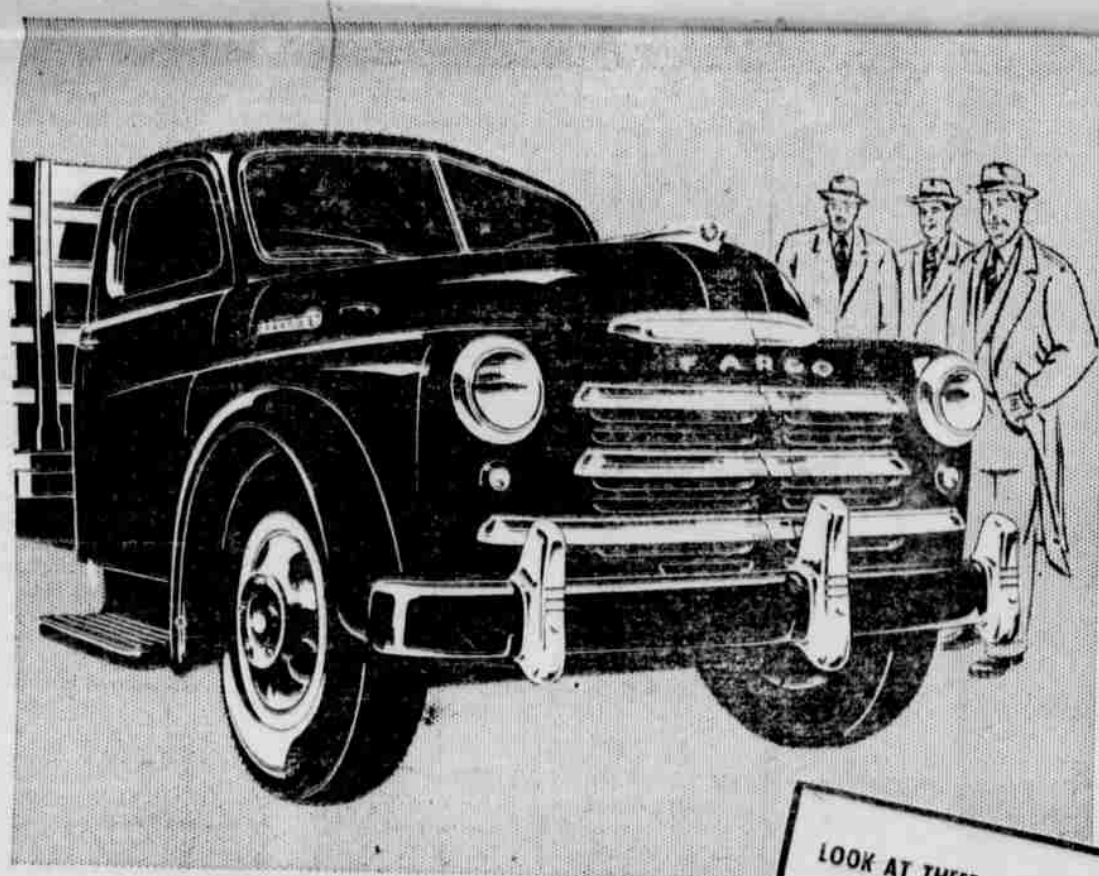
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The United Church regular service for next Sunday April 25 has been cancelled, as Magrath Church are celebrating their first anniversary and the services will be combined. Regular services will be held on May 2nd at the new time of 2 p.m. Any one wishing to go to Magrath kindly contact J. D. Hall or Wm. Attwood.